

January 14, 2014 Shrimp Task Force Meeting Minutes

Meeting called to order on Tuesday, January 14, 2014 at 10:15 a.m.

LDWF Headquarters, Louisiana Room 2000 Quail Drive, Baton Rouge

Roll Call and introduction of guests

Present: George Barisich, Clint Guidry, Lance Nacio, Acy Cooper, Mark Abraham, Alan Gibson, Andrew Blanchard, Eric Hansen,

Absent- Byron Despaux

Present non-voting: Alberto Depuy, Mark Schexnayder, Col. Jeff Mayne, Dr. Jack Issacs, Dr. Carrie Castille.

Absent- Col. Jeff Mayne, Tenney Sibley

Guests:

Robin Hebert

Robert Hebert

Scott Longman

Cole Garrett

Marcia Donato

Sonya Self

Sandra Stewart

Marlee Morris

Teri LaRose

Drue Winters

Stephney Mallett

Ray Mallett

Carla Mallett

Mervin Mallett

Ashford Rosenberg

Laura Picariello

John Fallon

Donovan Burke

Jon Bell

Julia Lightner

Katie Semon

Erin Brown

Troy Parria

Warren Delacroix

Bay Ropes

Marla Cooper

Dean Blanchard

For Approval of August 6, 2013 Minutes and January 14, 2014 Agenda- motion to approve August 6 minutes and January 14 agenda by Andy Gibson, second by Andrew Blanchard. Motion adopted.

Treasury Report

Budget Report- No expenditures since July 1, remaining balance is \$95,000. Mark Abraham requested that we provide a list of the financials for the past 5 years, showing expenditures. Motion to accept budget report by Andy Gibson, second by Clint Guidry.

Old Business

Shrimp Management Sub- Committee Report—Clint Guidry reported on the August 26 shrimp management sub-committee meeting.

New Business

Thomas Hymel presented the Professionalism Program

Communication/Education programs for shrimp industry-Mark Abraham suggested that there be educational meetings in three different cities before the season starts bringing the entire industry up to speed. Mark Schexnayder said that the department will work through Jason Froeba and his team to help coordinate.

Shrimp refrigeration grants-Jason Froeba presented to the group, discussion was held and a motion was made by Andrew Blanchard to accept the shrimp refrigeration grant application, second by George Barisich, motion adopted.

Shrimp Strategic Plan- Motion by Clint Guidry to have LDWF come up with a shrimp strategic plan and present that to the management sub-committee, second by Lance Nacio. Motion carried.

Mark Abraham brought up the Monterey Bay's red listing of Louisiana shrimp. Motion by Clint Guidry that LDWF ask Attorney General about the legal standing of the Monterey Bay Aquarium second by Andy Gibson. Motion adopted.

NOAA Electronic Logbook Program (ELB) cost share program- Marty Bourgeois presented information to the task force regarding the program.

Certified shrimp program-Mark Abraham expressed his concern with the program regulations that all shrimp must come from Louisiana. Motion by Clint Guidry to make some recommendations of changes to the certified Louisiana program and bring those suggestions back to the marketing subcommittee, second by Andy Gibson. Motion adopted.

*This meeting is being held in compliance with
Louisiana's Open Meetings Law as defined by La. R.S. 42:11, et seq.*

Shrimp Marketing in D.C.- Mark Abraham wanted to talk about the potential of industry members traveling to D.C. to educate members of Congress. Mark Abraham referred it to Marketing sub-committee.

2014 Legislative Session-

Sustainability- Damon Morris with LDWF addressed the group regarding the agencies efforts in sustainability.

Officer Elections and Task Force Vacancies- Mark Abraham elected chairman and Clint Guidry elected vice chair.

Public Comment—

Motion by Lance to ask the department to draft legislation that would do away with frame size and just use net size. Second by Clint Guidry. Task force agrees that Lance Nacio will work with Cole Garrett to develop language. Motion adopted.

Set Next Meeting—members will be polled, but a meeting in advance of the May season was suggested.

Adjourn- motion to adjourn by Lance Nacio, second by Clint Guidry. Meeting adjourned at 12:40.